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For : METAL CONTAINER WITH SEAM CONNECTING

BODY AND TOP PORTION

## RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, requiring restriction of the above-identified application to one of three designated inventions, applicants hereby elect Invention III (container, claims 3 - 19).

This application is made without traverse, but without prejudice to the presentation of claims to the non-elected inventions in one or more divisional applications.

Respectfully,

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